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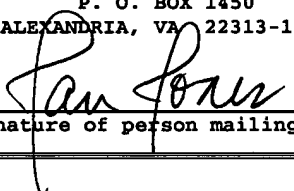
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 10, 2003**

Sir:

The Office Action mailed November 10, 2003 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond.

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The Office Action mailed November 10, 2003 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time allows Applicants until May 10, 2004 to file a response. As such, Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed and respectfully request entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3; **Remarks** begin on page 27; and the **Conclusion** begins on page 31 of this paper.